REMARK

As an initial matter, the Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for his careful search and for finding allowable subject matter. The Applicants present herein amendments to claims 21, 23, 25, 33, and 37 to correct topographical errors and/or place the claims in proper form. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendments.

INVITATION FOR A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

If the Examiner finds any impediment to entering these amendments that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Brent Vecchia at (303) 740-1980.

REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

The Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for such an extension.

CHARGE OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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